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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE DEVELOPMENTS: MOSETSE CAMP OPENS

REF: (A) GABORONE 1479, (B) GABORONE 1445

1. TRANSFER TO MOSETSE BEGINS: ACCORDING TO PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY CHARLES TIBONE, TRANSFER OF ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES FROM OVERCROWDED FRANCISTOWN CAMP TO NEW SITE AT MOSETSE HAS BEGUN. TIBONE TOLD US THAT 600 REFUGEES ARE ALREADY LIVING IN TENT CITY AT MOSETSE, AND GOB/UNHCR PLANS TO SHIFT 3000-4000 MORE IN COMING WEEKS. MOREOVER, TIBONE SAID GOB HAS NOW MADE BASIC DECISION TO PERMIT LONG-TERM RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AT MOSETSE SITE. NO NEW CHARTER FLIGHTS TO ZAMBIA HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED, AND ONLY A TRICKLE
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OF REFUGEES ARE ABLE TO OBTAIN SEATS ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED SELEBI-PIKWE/LUSAKA FLIGHTS. TIBONE CONCLUDED THAT EVEN OPENING OF MOSETSE CAMPE WILL REDUCE BUT NOT RELIEVE HEAVY STRAIN ON GOB/UNHCR REFUGEE RELIEF RESOURCES.

2. REPORTED ZAPU OPPOSITION TO MOSETSE SITE: ONE PROBLEM WHICH MAY FACE GOB AND UNHCR IN OPENING RESETTLE-

MENT CAMP AT MOSETSE IS REPORTED ZAPU OPPOSITION TO RESETTLEMENT OF ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA. LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION (LWF) CAMP ADMINISTRATOR AT FRANCISTOWN FINN ANDERSON RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT LOCAL ZAPU REPS WERE VERY SUSPICIOUS OF MOSETSE RESETTLEMENT PLAN AND OPPOSED IT IN MEETINGS ON THE SUBJECT. ACCORDING TO ANDERSON, ZAPU REPS WERE WARY OF PLAN WHICH COULD RESULT IN REDUCED RECRUITMENT OF "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" THROUGH BOTSWANA CAMPS.

3. COMMENT: AS LONG AS FLIGHTS TO ZAMBIA REMAIN SUSPENDED, ZAPU REPS ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO SERIOUSLY OPPOSE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM SATURATED FRANCISTOWN CAMP. MOREOVER, GOB WILL STILL UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME AND FACILITATE TRANSIT OF ANY REFUGEES WHO CAN FIND A WAY TO ZAMBIA, ZAPU REPS MAY, HOWEVER, BE APPREHENSIVE THAT, IF OFFERED ALTERNATIVE OF RESETTLEMENT IN BOTSWANA, MANY LUKEWARM NKOMO FOLLOWERS WOULD ACCEPT THAT OPTION, EVEN SHOULD FLIGHTS TO ZAMBIA BE RENEWED. IN SUCH A CASE, ZAPU WOULD SUFFER AT LEAST A PROPAGANDA SETBACK IN ITS EFFORTS TO OVERTURN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

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